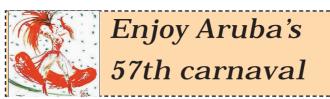
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# Superfood will lead the way for energy efficiency in the coming year



Jack Bult of Superfood supermarket had a huge smile on his face as he watched the traditional pagara close 2010, as he had just received on the last day of business for government offices a long-awaited permit to make a personal dream come true.

Some veteran island visitors may have noticed the absence of Adventure Golf at the La Cabana intersection of the Sasaki Highway, which a sign declares will be the new

location of a bigger, better Superfood. Not only do the owners of Superfood plan a stunning new market and shopping center, but from inception, their purpose was to also be the vanguard of green energy construction on a Aruba, with a facility almost entirely reliant on renewable energy sources.

"Not only is it good for the environment and the community to invest at the onset in a structure that will fully take advantage on Aruba's abundant renewable energy sources," commented Jack, "it is simply practical. The savings in the long run to us and our tenants will be immeasurable."

Superfood contracted the Dutch architectural firm, Schroder Vastgoed to design a fully energy efficient building that would offset the enormous costs anticipated for a mega-market.

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#### Setar launches Early Bird Pay-Per-View Carnival special



SETAR N.V. (Aruba Telecommunication Service) recently announced a special pay-per- view campaign for the Tumba, Calypso and Roadmarch Carnival television coverage.

SETAR, SAC (Aruba's Carnival Committee) and TeleAruba are together teaming up to bring their Cable Digital clients live television coverage of the Tumba, Calypso and Roadmarch activities.

With the pay-per-view service every subscriber of Cable Digital will be able to enjoy these Carnival events on television. The Early Bird promotion includes 3 nights of the pre-final and final of the Calypso and Roadmarch activity and the final of the Tumba contest. The normal

price of the all-inclusive package is Afls.125.00, but in this week's Early Bird promotion every Digital client can apply for the package for only Afls.99.00.

Application ends January 12th and can be made at all SETAR Teleshops. SETAR invites all her Cable Digital subscribers to take advantage of this excellent pay-per-view offer.

SETAR also has a special pay-per-view package for her commercial clients, such as restaurants, bars and cafés to afford them the opportunity to delight their customers with the same Carnival content. Information about the various pay-per-view Carnival packages is available at all the SETAR Teleshops.

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#### UN warns record food prices put millions at risk

ROME, Italy (AFP) - The United Nations warned yesterday millions of people are at risk after global food prices hit their highest level ever, as clashes over rising prices erupted in Algeria this week.

Surging prices for cooking oil, cereal and sugar in particular, "will affect millions of people," Abdolreza Abbassian, an economist at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome, told AFP.

The FAO's food price index, an average of monthly price changes for meat, dairy, cereals, oil and sugar, hit 214.7 points in December -- the highest level since the index began

The December level tops the peak of 213.5 in June 2008.

Price highs at the time provoked a food crisis and riots in a number of African countries, as well as in Haiti and the Philippines, and aid agencies fear the latest price rises could

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spark further violence.

In Algeria this week, demonstrators and security forces clashed in the capital and other towns in protests against a spike in the costs of basic food items by 20 to 30 percent this month.

The global price index for sugar in December rose to a record high of 398.4, up from 373.4 in November. The price of cereals also rose over the same period to 237.6 points, the highest level since August 2008.

The FAO's November Food Outlook report blamed rising food prices on unexpected shortfalls due to bad weather, aggravated by policy responses from some exporting countries, which had seen a knock-on effect on the market.

#### Venezuelan Catholic church warns of 'radicalization'

CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - The Roman Catholic Church in Venezuela warned vesterday that President Hugo Chavez's political agenda has become increasingly radicalized, and criticized a recent package of laws as leaving little room for dialogue.

Chavez, who has been in office since 1999, was granted the power to rule by decree over the next 18 months under one of the laws, part of a raft of legislation on the media, banking and other vital areas of national life.

In all, the Chavez-controlled National Assembly passed more than 20 laws in the days before a new assembly came in January 5 with a much larger opposition bloc.

"Far from adhering to the

popular will, the government accelerated the radicalization through the rushed approval of a package of laws by the National Assembly," the president of the Venezuelan Conference of Bishops Ubaldo Santana

Santana said the laws "were approved without respecting parliamentary procedure" and "they explicitly ignore the voice of the majority of the voters in the referendum of 2007," which rejected sweeping constitutional reforms proposed by Chavez.

body politic even more, they foster political conflict and narrow the margins for dialogue and negotiation," he said in a message to the faithful.

Santana also referred to the opening session of the new National Assembly, the scene of angry verbal confrontations between pro-government legislators and members of the opposition, which hold 40 percent of the seats.

The legislators are going "down the wrong road if they do not overcome intolerance and do not reach agreements to "These actions polarize the build consensus," he said.



AFP photo shows Jerome Bonneau, pastry chef and baker, presenting his king cakes, in one of which is hidden a small diamond yesterday in Elne,

Eighteen bakers in the "le Moulin de Païou" network, mainly in southern France, have placed a lucky charm in one of their cakes -- a diamond, a small stone of .25 carats which has a commercial value of 250 euros (323 US dollars).

Every year starting on January 6th, la galette des Rois (the cake of the three kings), a cake

made of frangipane (almond cream paste) and a buttery crust, is sold in patisseries all over France. These delicious cakes celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the three wise men came to see the baby Jesus. In certain parts of France the cake is made with brioche and filled with glazed fruit.

A feve- a little china figure is hidden inside of the cake, and whoever gets it, (without breaking a cap when biting into it) is crowned king and gets to choose his queen. The cake is usually sold with a gold paper crown.

#### The Netherlands: treat from German eggs 'minimal'

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch food safety watchdog yesterday dismissed as "minimal" the health risk arising from its importation of 136,000 eggs suspected to be contaminated with cancer-causing dioxin from Germany.

"The public health risk is minimal," Annemieke Herberigs, a spokeswoman for the Food and Consumer Product minimal," she added.

Safety Authority (VWA), told AFP of the imported eggs, destined for use in processed form."These eggs were mixed several times with other eggs or with other products."

'The potentially contaminated eggs may be found in products like biscuits or shampoo, but the concentration (of dioxin) is such that the risk is

#### The Netherlands agrees to Afghanistan training mission

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch cabinet agreed yesterday to a police training mission to Afghanistan, 11 months after the last government collapsed in a spat over military deployment to the conflict-torn nation.

"The cabinet decided today to send an integrated police training mission to Afghanistan in the period 2011 to 2014," Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced after the weekly cabinet meeting.

"In total, the mission will entail 545 men and women," he said, adding it would have a "strict training objective. No component of this mission will be involved in any military offensive."

The decision comes some six months after Dutch troops withdrew from Afghanistan as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Around 1,950 Dutch troops were deployed in Afghanistan until last August, mainly in the central Uruzgan province where opium production is high and the Taliban very ac-

During the four-year mission, 24 Dutch soldiers were killed.

### **New collection procedures** for land lease at DIP

ORANJESTAD, Directie Infrastructuur en Planning (DIP) – Aruba's Planning and Infrastructure Management Department, DIP, informs the community that as of January 1, 2011 a change was introduced in the collection procedure for Government lease land.

In the past, a person wishing to pay the lease fee could appear at the DIP offices at any time to do so, with some choosing to delay payment beyond the due date. Consequently, a number of fees were late and debt accumulated.

On the advice of the Central Accounting Department

it has been decided to send the bills by mail. Thus, all occupying lease land will receive their bills at home with the amount due and a stipulated time in which to pay.

For persons whose lease agreement expired on January 1, 2011 or before, please visit the DIP offices to close a new lease agreement, as of February 1, 2011

February 1, 2011.

DIP hopes that all involved parties take proper notice of this new procedure and count on their cooperation to meet their obligations promptly and on time.

For more information readers may visit the DIP website www.dip.aw

### Maas water level rises as snow melts in the Ardennes

LIMBURG, The Netherlands -- The level of the Maas river in Limburg continued to rise yesterday afternoon, as the thaw continued in the nearby hilly Ardennes region in Belgium.

Sandbags are being piled up in areas considered most vulnerable to flooding and farmers in Noord-Brabant have been warned to remove cattle and other livestock from fields close to the river. Officials expect the river to reach its maximum height in Maastricht by this morning at the latest.

Other small rivers are also in danger of breaking their banks in some places, Nos television reported.

In Belgium, there has also been widespread flooding because of the thaw and high water level in rivers. Four people have been killed in the floods.

### Results of chemical fire soot analysis due next week

DORDRECHT, The Netherlands -- The results on tests on the soot deposited in Dordrecht and surroundings following a massive fire at a chemical plant will be ready after the weekend, a spokesman for the local public safety council said yesterday

'The analysis is a very complicated process, which is why it is taking a while,' the spokesman said.

According to public health

body RIVM, the smoke did contain benzene, a known carcinogen, the solvent toluene which is dangerous when inhaled and other hydrocarbons.

But the organisation said the chemicals were not released in quantities which should give cause for concern.

Nevertheless, dozens of people have reported burning sensations in their eyes and throat, it was reported.

### Setar launches Early Bird Pay-Per-View . . .

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Other clients who currently do not have the Cable Digital service can apply for this at any Teleshop for the Afls.68 monthly subscription fee. Upgrading to Digital will enable clients to enjoy the service of pay-per-view as well as many more entertainment channels on a daily basis around the clock.

The Tumba Contents is planned for the 29th of January in the Entertainment Center while the Calypso and Roadmarch pre-finals are scheduled for January 31st through to February 2nd. The final Calypso & Roadmarch Contest is Saturday, February 5th in the Joe Laveist Ball Park in San Nicolaas.

### Talented IdyllMist Musical group held successful Two-night Concert



UNOCA proudly recognizes the talented group of Aruban youth who performed here on the 6th and 7th of January. UNOCA endeavors to assist and stimulate, as much as possible, to all forms of local talent. They applaud the fact that there are young Arubans who have gone on to study music. UNOCA says that they are proud of these young people and that all of Aruba should be just as proud.

Once again UNOCA supported another gifted Aruban band and was proud to present IdyllMist in concert along with several other invited artists. Invited artists for this concert were, Kimberly de Silva and Humphrey Obispa; with Suzy Kock and Edjean Semeleer acting as masters of ceremony.

The first concert was scheduled for the 6th of January at 7:00 p.m. at the Scol di Arte in San Nicolaas. And, their second concert was held on the 7th of January at 8:00 p.m. at the Cas Di Cultura.

Who actually is IdyllMist? This is an Aruban band comprised of the following musicians: Jose Croeze (base) Jeremy Erasmus (drums/percussion), Stacy Caton (guitar), Omar Kock (violin/piano), Ru Koolman (vocalist), Lorene Flores (vocalist), Casey Dozier (guitar/vocalist), and Michael Longott (lead vocalist). Every member of this band is currently studying abroad.

Michael Longott and Casey Dozier began is a duet singers. During the time that they sang together they were both studying in Orlando, Florida. They sang for nightclubs and other commercial establishments. After some time of singing together they decided to approach their music friends and this became the birth of Idyll-Mist comprising the members previously mentioned.

One of the band's members, Casey Dozier, is well known to the world of entertainment on Aruba. At a very young age he began playing different musical instruments and participating in various cultural events on the island. He is well known for his participation in the annual Festival di Dande with the La Bomba group. He was also a member of the Square Root Nine group.

Ru Koolman, nicknamed "Primo" is in charge of the rap songs of the group. Ru participated in the 2007 and 2008 ATNG Road marches and was a member of the Street Flowz band.

Lorene Flores has also sung for different musical groups on Aruba, such as Polymnia, Dejavu and Gaita Espectacular.

Micheal Logott made his debut in music singing in the church in San Nicolaas. While studying in Orlando, Florida he was a member of the Infinite group. Michael guided many of the Sparkling Tour singers and now he is the lead singer of IdyllMist.

In August of 2008 Idyllmist released their first musical CD entitled "Castles in the Sand." Along with the release of their first CD they presented their first concert in Aruba, which they claim was a rousing success. Two hit numbers of their

CD were "Kompara" and "Brand new Day."

In 2009, Casey Dozier launched Ninjah Musiq Production which became the label for IdyllMist and they began recording their music. Today, various radio stations play their music, such as, "Loke bo Merece," "Wak otro despues," "Pensando riba dje," "Dushi," "Wish I Had," and their Christmas rendition, "Berde di Pasco."

In 2008 IdyllMist were guest stars for the 2008 Sparkling Tour event and for the Miss Universe Aruba local pageant. Internationally they performed for the University of Central Florida, various nightclubs and for the Dutch Embassy in Miami. Their music is professionally recorded wherever the member lives and sent to their main studio, Ninjah Musiq Production in Orlando, Florida for final production.

In July 2010 IdyllMist was a guest of the Awe Mainta TV program of TeleAruba and in the "Kerenentenchi" program of Channel 22, where they presented songs like, "Loke bo merece," "Wak otro despues," and "Dushi." They were also participants of the Cas di Glass 4-days event held last October.

And, now they are rejoicing over their magnificent performances of their 6 and 7 January concerts which were presented by UNOCA. They expressed gratitude for the support of the people of Aruba and all who contributed to making their concerts a success



## Edwin Trimón is the lucky winner of SETAR N.V.'s Afl.17.500 cash prize



Recently, Edwin Trimon became the lucky winner of SETAR N.V.'s Christmas campaign's big prize.

He won the first prize of Afls 17,500 cash.

All SETAR N.V. clients who deposited their ticket in the drum at any SETAR Teleshop could participate in

the raffle. Third prize was Afls 7, 500 and second prize was Afls 10,000; both winners already received their prizes.

Photo shows Edwin Trimon receiving his prize from Marketing Department executive Clem van Heyningen.



### Graciela celebrates her 8th birthday among her Aruban friends







On Thursday, January 6, Graciela celebrated her 8th birthday among Aruban friends and staff of The Morning News. Graciela came from Venezuela with grandmother Diana to spend the holidays with her other grandmother Ingrid.

She was also joined by her good friends Ihlan and Ihlyanla. Also present during the celebration was her aunt Hilie.

The Morning News wishes Graciela a pleasant stay on Aruba.

Photos show the animated gathering.



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### Superfood will lead the way for energy efficiency in the coming year

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During the inaugural Aruba Green Energy Conference and Trade Fair in October of 2010, Jack and Mark Dijkhuis of Schroder occupied a booth at the trade fair to showcase their energy-aware project and hopefully, inspire other business to follow their example when conceptualizing new buildings.

"The Schroder approach is entirely based on Real Estate Corporate Social Responsibility-CSR" explained Mark to those who stopped by.

The firm incorporates a term introduced at the University of Delft in 1996 called "Trias Energetica." It involves three steps: Reduce energy demand, use renewable energy sources and finally, finite energy efficiency (high yield).

The energy demands of a business that requires a huge shopping space to be air-conditioned in a tropical climate, as well as the refrigeration for a enormous amount of



Marc Dijkhuis of Schroder and Jack Bult of Superfood

perishable stock, is quite a challenge. Schroeder tackled part of the problem by designing a giant overhead structure which will cover the actual building, immediately reducing its cooling needs by placing it in constant shade from Aruba's intense sun. The roof of the

sunshade will be completely covered with solar panels, and the space between the roof of the market and sunshade will be a long series of horizontally placed windmills, which will further provided power from the strong currents generated by the space between the two struc-

tures. This will trickle charge a battery to power an elevator to upper levels, providing wheelchair access, among the building's other energy requirements. Rainwater will be stored in a reservoir, with the circulation of water to cool the interior of the supermarket, vastly reducing air-conditioning expense.

The combined deployment of wind and energy power along with maximum efficiency in use will also drastically reduce Superfood's carbon foodprint-CO2 emissions - a natural result of the final phase of a Trias Energetica plan, and an important part of "thinking green" when designing new buildings. It is anticipated the new market will be completed by the end of 2011.

"We sincerely hope that other businesses which are now planning new structures will realize the wisdom of abandoning the old way of building and acknowledge their CSR," concluded Jack. "It may require a greater financial investment initially, but will easily pay off with saved energy costs in little time, as well as doing something worthwhile for the community and the environment."

by Rosalie Klein



#### **Sci-Tech**

#### What's new in 'Gadget World'



The Wheeme robot massager from DreamBots Inc is on display at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada. According to the manufacturer the massage robots unique sensor technology allows the WheeMe to automatically and silently steers itself over a person's back without falling off or losing its grip. As it moves, WheeMe's four small wheels and the rotor finger gently press and caress providing a massage sensation. CES, the world's largest annual consumer technology tradeshow, officially runs from January 6-9 and is expected to feature 2,700 exhibitors showing off their latest products and services to about 126,000 attendees. (AFP PHOTO)

### Women's tears say 'not tonight, honey': study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - When women cry, their tears send out a chemical signal that puts a damper on men's sexual arousal, a study by Israeli researchers has found.

First, the scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, asked women to watch scenes from a heart-wrenching 1979 US movie, "The Champ," in which a young boy weeps over the death of his boxer dad.

Then researchers collected the women's tears in vials and presented them to 24 men, aged 23 to 32, who did not know what they contained.

Some men sniffed control vials that contained odorless saline solution, and others sniffed vials containing women's tears, which also have no detectable smell.

Then, they were shown images of women's faces. Men who had smelled the tears found the images less attractive than the men who had sniffed saline solution.

Researchers also tested

men's emotional responses by asking them to make judgments on the level of sadness or empathy they were seeing in the images of women's faces, and found that having sniffed tears had no impact.

They also showed men the sad movie and found that men's emotional responses were unchanged, whether they had sniffed women's tears or not.

But across the board, the men who had sniffed tears described lower levels of sexual arousal when looking at the faces.

Further tests showed that the tear-sniffers experienced a "significant dip in testosterone -- a hormone related to sexual arousal," said the study published in the US journal Science.

"This study reinforces the idea that human chemical signals -- even ones we're not conscious of-- affect the behavior of others," said Noam Sobel, a professor in the Weizmann Institute's Neurobiology Department.



A Panasonic TC-P50VT30 3-D HD television featuring Viera Connect, Panasonic's Internet television service, displays YouTube content at CES. Users can download applications and have access to music, sports, games and social networking on the television. (AFP photo)



A 'wireless cooking' container of Campbell's Chunky Chicken Noodle Soup cooks on a wireless counter/cooking top in at Fulton Innovation's eCoupled wireless kitchen display. The can heat up while still in its packaging, without the need for a stovetop or microwave. Just by pulling a tab and placing the container on an eCoupled-enabled countertop, the contents will heat to a low, medium or high temperature, depending on the user's preference. This new application of eCoupled technology demonstrates not only the intelligence of the technology but also that wireless power need not be expensive.

#### Nation's First Cybersecurity 'Spy Center' Breaks Ground

Construction will soon begin on the nation's first cybersecurity headquarters, a \$1.5 billion facility which already being billed as the "Spy Center."

Located in Camp Williams, Utah, the Community Comprehensive National Cyber-security Initiative Data Center - known as the Utah Data Center - will address critical issues of national cybersecurity, compiling what Utah's Deseret News called "dizzying volumes of data for the intel-

ligence community."

Given the recent high-profile incidents of national and international cybercrime --including WikiLeaks, the Stuxnet worm and China's "Aurora" project -- the U.S. government sees the Utah Data Center as a potential crucial component in battling these technological threats.

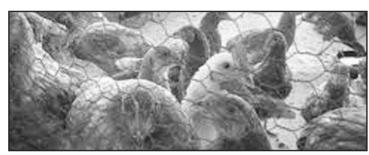
Groundbreaking on the project occurred yesterday Jan. 6, and construction is set to be completed by October 2013.



Takatoshi Kuno demonstrates Cyberdyne's Challenge HAL hybrid assistive limb. The Challenge HAL can help the elderly or infirmed walk and can be utilized in physical therapy for people recovering from injury. (AFP photo)

#### **Health & Living**

### Germany closes 4,700 farms in dioxin scare



BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – A food scandal in Germany deepened, as regional authorities shut down more than 4,700 farms after tests showed animal feed had been contaminated by a chemical that can cause cancer.

And fears grew that the contamination could have entered the food chain earlier than thought, as tests on animal fats at the firm at the centre of the scandal reportedly showed they were tainted as far back as March last year.

"4,709 farms and busi-

"4,709 farms and businesses are currently closed," including 4,468 in the state of Lower Saxony, northwest Germany, the agriculture ministry said in a statement.

The farms will be closed until they are found to be clear of contamination with dioxin, a toxic chemical compound that can cause cancer, and will not be allowed to make any deliveries, the ministry added.

Eight of Germany's 16 states were affected by this week closures. There are around 375,000 farms in Ger-

many.

The firm Harles und Jentzsch in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein is alleged to have supplied up to 3,000 tonnes of contaminated fatty acids meant only for industrial usage to around 25 animal feed makers.

The majority of this contaminated acid -- 2,500 tonnes -- was delivered in November and December to animal feed producers in Lower Saxony, where it was used as fodder.

"The states are acting as they must in banning as a precaution -- and this in the absence of concrete results from tests -- all products, including eggs and meat, which had partially contaminated fodder as their origin," said a spokesman at the agriculture ministry in Berlin. Food safety is the "absolute priority", he added. The Hannoversche Allge-

The Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung reported that tests conducted on Harles und Jentzsch as far back as March last year had revealed dioxin levels twice the permitted maximum amount.

However, the March test was not transmitted to the correct authorities and the agriculture ministry in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein only received the results of the test in late December, the paper said.

The scandal has now spread beyond Germany's borders.

German authorities informed the European Commission and business partners that 136,000 eggs, or nine tonnes of the product, from contaminated German farms had been exported to the Netherlands.

And the European Commission said the hunt for potentially dioxin-tainted eggs had also turned to Britain.

But a statement from Britain's Food Standards Agency (FSA) said the tainted eggs were not thought to pose a threat.

"The mixing of the eggs will have diluted the levels of dioxins and they are not thought to be a risk to health," said the agency.

The German government said earlier that up to 150,000 tonnes of feed overall were feared to have been contaminated.

Dioxin, a by-product of burning rubbish and industrial activities, can cause miscarriages and other health problems in humans, including cancer if consumed in high levels

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BEIJING, China AFP) – China is failing to deliver on pledges to help its 300 million smokers kick the habit, according to health experts who warned of a sharp rise in tobacco-linked deaths if strong steps are not taken.

By 2030, more than 3.5 million Chinese could die from smoking-related illnesses each year, compared with 1.2 million in 2005, a joint report by Chinese and foreign medical experts said.

The report, "Tobacco Control and the Future of China", was officially released this week and said China would almost certainly miss a January 9 deadline to impose an indoor ban on smoking.

China, the world's largest tobacco producer and consumer, pledged to enact the ban when it became a party to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) five years ago.

"China's score remains low in terms of its implementation of tobacco control and FCTC obligations. China significantly lags behind in its implementation of the FCTC's requirements," the report said. Despite its pledge, no such indoor smoking ban has been put in place and smokers in China continue to light up freely in restaurants and office buildings.

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Tobacco is the country's top killer, and smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke result in a huge medical and social cost, the report said.

"Medical costs and labour losses caused by smoking are increasing year by year and at an ever-faster rate," the report

Smoking is deeply ingrained in Chinese society and widely accepted, with the offering of cigarette a common gesture of greeting.

As a result, the report said, an estimated 738 million Chinese are exposed to second-hand smoke, including 182 million children.

Government agencies are the largest buyer of high-grade cigarettes, which are often given as official gifts, sometimes as bribes, according to the report.

It singled out the Chinese cigarette industry for particular blame, saying it had seriously undermined anti-smoking efforts and was a key barrier to effective tobacco controls, it said

"The tobacco industry has become the largest 'health-haz-ard' industry," said the report.

"Although it is a major taxpayer, the industry is generating a much greater social burden."

China's tobacco monopoly acts as the lead entity in implementing the tobacco control framework, which effectively allows it to impede adoption of anti-smoking policies and laws, it added.

#### New blood test could detect Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON (AFP) –

US scientists may have found a new way to use a blood test to search for clues of Alzheimer's disease, a discovery that if proven could extend to other ailments, said a study.

"If this works in Alzheimer's disease, it suggests it is a pretty general platform that may work for a lot of different diseases," said Thomas Kodadek of The Scripps Research Institute, whose work was published in the journal Cell.

"Now we need to put it in the hands of disease experts to tackle diseases where early diagnosis is key."

There is no cure for Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia which afflicts millions of people.Kodadek tried a new way to identify signals of disease in the blood, using molecules called peptoids to detect antibodies in the bloodstream of animals and patients with specific diseases.

After isolating more immunoglobulin, a major type of antibody, in mice with a condition similar to multiple sclerosis than he did in healthy mice, he moved on to humans and

tested six patients with for Alzheimer's, six with Parkinnon son's and six healthy people.

The tests were able to find three peptoids that captured levels of immunoglobulin in the Alzheimer's patients that was three times higher than the Parkinson's or the control group.

"The results in the paper suggest great potential for using this approach to rapidly develop diagnostic biomarkers for a variety of significant human diseases."

The next step is to try the method on other diseases, such as pancreatic cancer which is swift and deadly.

"It's possible that antibodybased tests might identify such cancers years before they could be detected otherwise," said the study.

Then drug makers would have precious knowledge for developing vaccines against cancer.

"That's the dream scenario," said Kodadek.



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### Carnival 57 starts today with MMC from Magic 95.5 FM and 24ora.com



Erin Croes, owner and principal DJ of Magic and Mark Benson-Denz, founder of 24ora.com

Tonight Oranjestad will heat up with the Torch Parade, the event generally considered the official commencement of Aruba's grand annual tradition, carnival. Carnival fanatics were happy to learn that they can now deploy the latest technology to follow all the gaiety and excitement, courtesy of popular local radio station Magic 96.5 and web news provider 24ora.com.

Erin Croes, owner and principal DJ of Magic and Mark Benson-Denz, founder of 24ora.com announced at Milano's restaurant in Palm Beach on Thursday afternoon that Aruba's two mega-media entities in Papiamento are partnering for the duration of Carnival 57 to provide blanket radio coverage and live streaming video on the net of more than 20 major events, in-

cluding carnival royalty and music contests, parades and jump-ups.

The programming will also be simultaneous on cable TV on 24ora.com's Info TV, channel MMC stands for "Mucho Mas Cobertura," or "Much More Coverage," as islanders are addicted to their carnival happenings. Mark also demonstrated how owners of Blackberries, iPhones, iPods and iPads along with Android phones can also get close up to the action at even the most crowded events by entering mobile.livestream.com24ora into their browser address box to view all the action as it is happening on the screens as of their handheld devices. Now you can see the excitement of the queen pageants or selection of the roadmarch and calypso king or queen where ever you may be.

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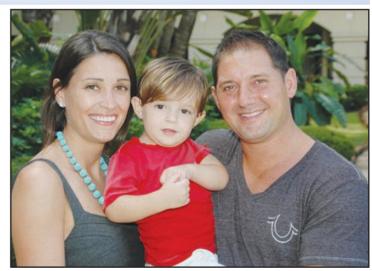
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### It was a Merry Christmas for birthday boy Anthony



Jason and Jennifer from New Jersey first started coming to Aruba in March of 2004 on their honeymoon and fell in love with this beautiful Island and its people. This year they came in December with their son Anthony during the Christmas/New Year holiday which marks their sons 2nd birthday, which happens to fall on Christmas Day.

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tions together at the Hyatt Regency was the greatest gift they could ever imagine.

Photographer Diane Keiizer's images show some of the precious moments during their stay.

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#### Reconnaissance Tern Squadron arrives on Aruba

By: Roland W. Peterson



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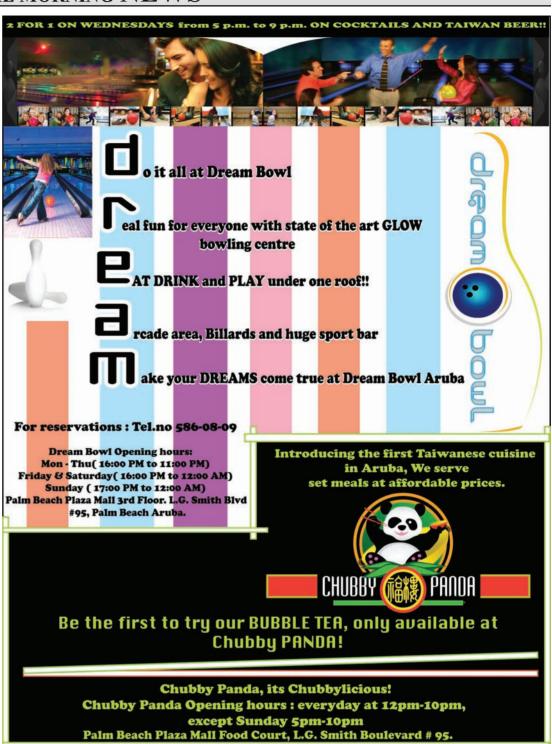
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itage.

The doors of the shelter are open daily for visitors who can enter free of charge. The shelter is open during weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during weekends from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Visi-

tors can have a drink on a cozy terrace, there is a small shop with donkey-related souvenirs and if you are interested, there is always someone present who can answer all your questions with enthusiasm. A real treat!

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#### **Finance**

#### **US** unemployment tumbles to 9.4%

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US unemployment fell dramatically to 9.4 percent in December, a boon for President Barack Obama but one tempered by signs the economy is still not creating enough jobs.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate fell to its lowest level since May 2009 last month, although many fewer jobs were created than expected.

Obama's top economic adviser Austan Goolsbee described the data "encouraging" but said the unemployment rate was "still unacceptably high.'

But just 103,000 non-farm jobs were created last month, many fewer than the 150,000 expected, reaffirming a trend of steady but unspectacular job growth. Since December 2009, payrolls have grown by 1.1 million, an average of 94,000 each month.

Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke warned Conress the rate of jobs growth was not enough to replace the 8.5 million jobs lost during the economic downturn.

Employment rose in the

leisure, hospitality and health care sectors but "changed little in other major industries," the Labor Department reported.

Despite predictions of a bump in retail hiring to coincide with the Christmas sales, the retail trade added just 12,000 jobs. "There were 1.3 million discouraged workers in December, an increase of 389,000 from December 2009," the Labor Department said. "Today's jobs report shows unemployment hovering around nine percent for the 20th consecutive month, and while the slight drop from last month is encouraging, we need to do more to make sure people can get back to work.

Meanwhile senior White House official Goolsbee insisted that trade, investment and tax incentives -- rather than spending cuts -- will boost job growth.

He vowed the administration would push forward in "providing incentives to encourage businesses to invest and hire here at home, investing in education and infrastructure, and promoting exports abroad

#### Spanish, Portuguese bond rates rise on debt worry



PARIS, France (AFP) -Interest rates demanded by lenders to fund Spanish and Portuguese debt rose sharply to record high levels this week on renewed European bond market tension over public finances in these two countries.

The rates on debt issued by other heavily indebted eurozone countries also rose.

Bond strategist at BNP Paribas bank Patrick Jacq said: "We are in the same framework as at the end of 2010: the problem for these countries remains their sovereign debt."

He said that "these countries have weak growth and weak inflation. Add to that high bond yields and the cocktail is explosive." Jacq said that a few months ago there was "no question" of these countries asking for help from the European Financial Stability Fund but that "maybe, they could be forced to do so soon."

The EFSF can borrow money on financial markets and use it to buy debt issued by countries which are not able themselves to borrow at bearable interest rates.

Sentiment on financial markets continues to doubt that Portugal and Spain will be able alone to correct their public finances, despite repeated official statements that they have put in place radical reforms to cut public deficits, reduce the debt, and raise the structural growth potential of their economies.

Renault suspects Chinese role in spy case

When governments, local authorities and social welfare systems spend more than they raise, the difference is covered by the issue of sovereign debt to banks, funds and individuals wanting to invest savings in low-risk instruments.

These bonds are issued with a fixed interest for the life of the loan, set to be attractive in the immediate environment for interest rates for given levels of risk.

If subsequently perception of the risk attached to the instrument changes, for example it rises, then the value of the bond falls, and the fixed interest as a percentage of the new price rises.

This indicates the interest which the government concerned must offer when it next issues debt.

If the rate rises to the 6.0-7.0-percent range, the cost of borrowing may become unsus-

#### Greece to issue six-month **T-bills on January 11**

ATHENS (AFP) – Greece said it would issue next week a batch of six-month treasury bills worth 1.5 billion (\$1.97 billion), its largest offering in months amid a planned bond comeback this year.

"On January 11, the Hellenic Republic will auction 26week T-Bills in book entry form with a maturity of 15 July 2011," the Greek debt management agency said.

The issue is Greece's largest since July and comes as the debt-nit country seeks a return to international markets in 2011 after a scare over its finances dried up its loan access and drove it to the brink of bankruptcy last year.

The Greek debt crisis also placed major pressure on the euro and forced the European Union and the International Monetary Fund to craft an emergency loan rescue for Athens, followed by another loan to Ireland in late 2010.

In the last sale of six-month paper in October, the Greek debt agency raised 390 million, or \$511 million, at a yield of 4.82 percent. The issue, which had an original target of 300 million euros, was oversubscribed more than five times over.

The yield gap, or spread, on Greek bonds compared to German obligations that are considered Europe's safest, has remained high, indicating that Athens still faces unbearably high rates on longer-term obligations.

Greece is struggling under a debt mountain of some 300 billion euros and its economy is caught in a deepening recession, exacerbated by draconian cuts that have caused waves of strikes and protest.



New Renault electric utility vehicle Kangoo Express ZE

PARIS, France (AFP) – French automaker Renault suspects that top managers suspended for alleged industrial espionage were supplying details of the company's electric cars to China, a newspaper and officials said.

"Suspicions are indeed leading in that direction," towards China, said Bernard Caravon, a lawmaker for President Nicolas Sarkozy's UM party who has authored several specialist reports on economic intelligence.

One industry ministry source told AFP: "We cannot accept that an innovation financed by the French taxpayer end up in the hands of the Chinese.'

Renault declined to comment on the claims, two days after it suspended three top managers, they were suspected of leaking secrets about electric cars, the auto industry's big hope for the future.

Renault said that its "strategic, intellectual and technological assets" had been targeted but did not give details nor indicate who might have benefited from the alleged spying.

Renault and its Japanese partner Nissan have staked their future on electric vehicles and plan to launch several models by 2014 to meet the rapidly rising demand for more environmentally-friendly methods of transport.

They have invested four

billion euros (5.2 billion dollars) in the program.

The suspensions are the latest in a series of industrial espionage shocks to hit France's strategically important auto sector, which employs 10 percent of the entire French workforce.Roger Faligot, a world specialist in Chinese espionage, said Chinese intelligence is particularly interested in the auto industry and that its major car companies work closely with the secret service.

'The major Chinese businesses have big research and development budgets, part of which is used to get information, with substantial budgets to buy people," he told AFP.

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### The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Oueen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

# Sunday: NFL tail-gate BBQ from 10:30 a.m. Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba. com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry







all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 am., weekends at 4:00 a m.

by Rosalie Klein



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### De Niro to lead Cannes film festival jury



Robert De Niro seen here as Travis Bickle in the 1976 movie Taxi Driver.

PARIS,France (AFP) – US actor Robert De Niro will chair the jury of this year's Cannes film festival, which opens May 11 on the French Riviera, organisers announced. De Niro, 67, will be the third American in four years to head the jury of the world's most prestigious film festival, after director Tim Burton in 2010 and actor-director Sean Penn in 2008.

"The Cannes Film Festival is a rare opportunity for me as it is one of the oldest and one of the best in the world," the 67-year-old Oscar-winner said in a statement.

Two of De Niro's films have won the coveted Palme d'Or at previous Cannes festivals: Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" in 1976, and 10 years later, "The Mission" directed by Roland Joffe.

As jury chairman, silverhaired De Niro will steer the panel that will decide the winning feature films at Cannes.

In selecting him, organisers said they wanted to honour not only his acting talent, but also the Tribeca Film Festival -- which he helped establish in his native New York a decade ago -- and its sister festival in the Gulf.

"As co-founder of the Tribeca Film Festival and the Doha Tribeca Film Festival, I have an increased appreciation for the jury (which undertakes) an important role in choosing films that are represented in the world of film at its highest level," De Niro said.

"These types of festivals help connect the international film community and have a lasting cultural impact."

De Niro collected the Academy Award for best actor in 1980 for "Raging Bull," also directed by Scorsese.

His other works include Scorsese's "Mean Streets", Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather Part II", Michael Cimino's "The Deer Hunter", Sergio Leone's "Once Upon a Time in America" and Scorsese's "Goodfellas".

His latest picture, "Little Fockers," the third instalment of his series with Ben Stiller about nightmare in-laws, topped the North American box office over the Christmas and New Year's holiday period.

Away from the cameras, De Niro has been actively involved in safeguarding and promoting the work of his father, Robert De Niro, Sr., a surrealist painter who died in 1993 at the age of 71 from prostrate cancer.

It was to him that the younger De Niro dedicated his directorial debut, "A Bronx Tale," in 1993.

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### Jackson dead before paramedics arrived, court told



Dr. Conrad Murray Hangs, accused of involuntary manslaughter over the icon's death

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Michael Jackson was already dead well before paramedics got to him, and his personal doctor said nothing about having given the star a powerful sedative that killed him, medics said.

Conrad Murray is accused of involuntary manslaughter over the icon's shock death on June 25, 2009. Prosecutors say he administered an overdose of the powerful sedative propofol to help Jackson sleep, and then tried to cover it up.

On the third day of testimony, paramedic Martin Blount said that when he arrived Jackson seemed to have been dead for at least 20 minutes, despite Murray's claim that he had stopped breathing a minute before they were called.

"It seemed like he'd been down for a little while" as his skin was cold and his eyes fixed and dilated, he told the Los Angeles Superior Court, which began an expected two weeks of pre-trial hearings this week.

His comments backed up testimony by fellow paramedic Richard Senneff, who estimated that the 50-year-old had stopped breathing from 20 minutes to an hour before the emergency medics arrived, four minutes after a 911 call was made.

Blount said Murray, 57, initially denied having given Jackson any medications, but said he saw the doctor holding a needle, and three bottles of the anesthetic Lidocaine on the floor

"He scooped them off the floor and put them into a black bag," Blount said, echoing testimony by Senneff that Murray asked him to dispose of an intravenous drip bag, and cleared up other medical equipment himself.

He also noted that Jackson had a "condom catheter" attached -- a procedure usually used on unconscious patients, such as those undergoing surgery, to allow them to urinate while sedated.

At the start of the hearings, LA deputy district attorney David Walgren said Murray gave Jackson propofol every night for nearly two months to help him sleep, as he prepared for a string of comeback concerts in London.

He listed a string of alleged failings by the doctor on the day Jackson died, including delaying calling 911, not telling paramedics about drugs he had given and not knowing

how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Jackson was eventually taken to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 2:26 pm.

The new damning testimony was given by paramedics who rushed to his LA mansion and hospital emergency room doctors, at pretrial hearings to decide whether personal physician Conrad Murray should be tried for manslaughter.

Two doctors from the UCLA emergency room meanwhile testified that Murray said nothing about having administered propofol when he arrived with Jackson's already cold body at the hospital.

Richelle Cooper said Jackson was already dead on arrival at the hospital. She said she asked Murray what medications the singer was on, and the doctor said only the anxiety medication lorazepam.

Thao Nguyen, a cardiology fellow at UCLA, said Murray told her that Jackson was very tired but had difficulty sleeping and needed medications to help him rest.

When asked what medications he was given, Murray only mentioned lorazepam, she said, adding: "Dr. Murray did tell me something... He asked me not to give up easily and try my best to save the patient."

Emergency room doctors worked on Jackson from the time the ambulance arrived at 1:13 pm until 2:26 pm, when the singer was pronounced dead, she added.

Murray could face up to four years in jail and losing his doctor's license if the case goes to full trial -- as widely expected -- and he is convicted.

Jackson's death shocked the entertainment world and triggered intense debate over the performer's health in the runup to the London concerts, known as the "This is It" tour.

#### Blatter 'expects' Qatar World Cup in winter

DOHA (AFP) - The prospect of the 2022 Qatar World Cup being held in the winter moved a step closer Friday when FIFA president Sepp Blatter said for the first time that this is what he expects will happen.

Qatar was controversially awarded the right to host the tournament last month despite summer temperatures in the Gulf emirate soaring to well over 40 degrees Celsius.

Concerns have been raised about the health impacts of playing in such searing heat, as well for the fans following the action, and Blatter said winter would make more sense.

"I expect it to be in the winter because when you play football you must protect the main people, the players," he said at a media roundtable in the Oatari capital Doha ahead of the Asian Cup, which kicks off later

"We will take it up at our executive committee meeting in March."

German legend Franz Beckenbauer, a FIFA executive committee member, and England coach Fabio Capello are among others who have voiced support for a switch of dates

UEFA president Michel Platini is also said to be sympathetic to the idea, with January temperatures hovering between a more comfortable 20 and 30 Celsius.

But any change would have major implications for domestic competitions in Britain and the rest of Europe where the league programmes would be in full

In England, where many of the biggest names in football play, Wolves manager Mick McCarthy branded the prospect of a winter World Cup as "nonsense" and Blackpool boss Ian Holloway said it was "crazy"

But Chelsea's Carlo Ancelotti and West Ham's Avram Grant said they were in favour of the change.

Qatar, which is smaller than the Pacific island of Vanuatu or the US state of Connecticut, has insisted that it won the right to host the World Cup on its merits.

It put forward a proposal to build climate-controlled stadia that will enable players and fans to escape the worst of the weather, but there have been sceptics amid claims that the decision was political, linked to Qatar's deep pockets.

Blatter said FIFA had yet to be approached by Qatar about a change of dates.

"They need to bring together an organising committee, then if they have any wishes on whether they want to change the basic conditions prevailing at the bidding process, then they have to make this demand of the FIFA Executive Committee,"

"The Executive Committee is free to change anything," he added.

"If there really is a will to change dates then we have enough time to do it because we still have 11 years to go."

Blatter, who is seeking reelection later this year for another four-year term, once again defended his executive committee's decision to hand the tournament to Qatar.

They did so despite official reports warning about the risks of playing the tournament in the summer heat.

"It is a logical move to go to new territories. It's not only Qatar, but a new culture and the Arab world," he said.

'You can have the best report in the world or the worst report but finally it is human beings who make the decisions.

"Reports are important and we published them to be transparent. All committee members knew exactly what will happen when we go to Qatar, and that is why some have aleady said we should play in winter."

Australia, Japan, South Korea and the United States also bid for the 2022 World Cup.

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#### Toni signs for giants Juve



ROME (AFP) - Juventus have completed the free signing of former Italy striker Luca Toni from Genoa, the Turin giants revealed on Fri-

The 33-year-old former Munich Bayern Fiorentina forward, who has 16 goals in 47 caps for Italy,

signed an 18-month deal.

According to Italian news agency Ansa, the deal means Genoa will save six million euros that were due to Toni as a signing on fee when he joined on a free from Bayern at the beginning of the sea-

And he revealed that he couldn't say no despite the pay cut needed to accept Juve's offer.

"You can't say no to Juve, I'm realising a dream, I'm delighted." he said at his official unveiling.

"When I was offered the move I didn't hesitate and I had no problem taking a pay cut.

"I have confidence (in Juve) because I've seen the hunger and the desire to get

"I know the group, I know

most of the lads and I believe. "Last year I went to Roma and we were one step away from a dream (winning the title) and I hope to also bring a bit of luck and push Juve to

Toni, a member of Italy's 2006 World Cup winning squad, had scored just three goals in 16 games this season for Genoa.

Despite his long standing as one of Italy's top forwards he had never played for one of the country's big three teams until now -- the other two being AC and Inter Milan.

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#### **Guardiola is world's** best coach - Messi



Head coach Josep Guardiola (R) of FC Barcelona embraces Lionel Messi

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona's Josep Guardiola is the world's best coach, the Spanish club's Argentine international Lionel Messi said Friday in a television interview.

"For me it is Guardiola, I think he has shown it. It does not just depend on winning titles, but also on how he makes a team play," the winger told Spanish public television TVE when asked who he felt was the world's best manager.

Guardiola, who spent most of his playing career at Barcelona, coached their B team before taking control of the first-team squad in June 2008 from Dutchman Frank Rijkaard.

The 39-year-old has led Barcelona to seven trophies in two seasons, including the 2009 Champions League and two successive La Liga crowns.

Messi, along with fellow Barcelona players Andres Iniesta and Xavi Hernandez, are the contenders for the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for the best player of 2010 which will be awarded on Monday in Zurich, Switzerland.

'Xavi and Iniesta deserve it," the 23-year-old said when asked who should win the award

The Ballon d'Or is decided by a poll of world football journalists and Messi won it in 2009 by a massive margin. He is the first Argentine to win the award.

#### Brazilian footballer fakes kidnapping

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -A Brazilian footballer who faked his own kidnapping to get out of a team training session faces up to six months in prison, police said Friday.

Somalia, a player for the Rio club Botafogo, made a police report Wednesday al-

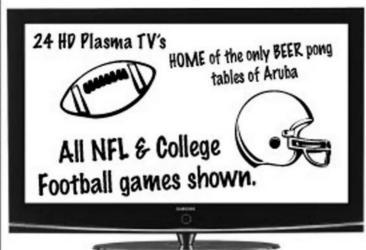
leging he had been carjacked by an armed man and forced to drive around for two hours -- when the training was happening -- before being robbed of money and jewelry.

But inconsistencies in his complaint raised suspicions, and officers quickly discovered that security video footage from Somalia's home didn't back up his story

Police chief Juliana Domingues said the player could now face a serious criminal charge for making up the crime.

Media reports said Somalia had returned home at 4:00 am (0600 GMT) and likely thought up the kidnap ruse to make sure his football club didn't dock his salary.





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### Hopkins-Pascal title rematch ordered



Bernard Hopkins (right) lands a right on Jean Pascal during their WBC Light Heavyweight World Championship at the Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec City, in December 2010.

NEW YORK (AFP) - World Boxing Council officials have ordered a rematch between Canada's Jean Pascal and American Bernard Hopkins, whose bid to become boxing oldest world champion ended in a controversial draw last month.

Sanctioning body president Jose Sulaiman sent a letter to both camps ordering a rematch of the December 18 bout in Quebec City rather than Pascal's planned title defense against US fighter Chad Dawson.

"The WBC board of governors has voted in favor of ordering the immediate rematch," Sulaiman wrote. "The winner of this fight has the obligation to fight Chad Dawson immediately without any intervening contest."

Nine days before his 46th birthday, Hopkins was given a second chance to become the oldest major world champion in boxing history, a mark that now belongs to US heavyweight legend George Foreman.

Foreman was 10 months past his 45th birthday when he knocked out countryman Michael Moorer in 1994 for the World Boxing Associa-

tion and International Boxing Federation titles.

Hopkins was elated at the WBC's decision.

"I would like to thank Jose Sulaiman and the WBC board of governors for ordering an immediate rematch between Pascal and I," Hopkins said.

"This is a great thing for boxing and hopefully fans will get to see another great fight with Pascal and I. I'm looking forward to starting off the New Year by making history as the oldest athlete to win a major championship in any sport."

Hopkins, who enjoyed an unbeaten 10-year reign as a world middleweight champion in a 22-year career, claimed after the fight that his rightful victory and place in fight history was stolen by judges.

"This was sure enough robbery. And this one hurts the sport," Hopkins said after the draw. "One reason fighters from the States don't like fighting outside the country is stuff like this. I know I won the fight."

A US judge gave Hopkins a 114-112 victory over Pascal while Canadian and Belgian judges scored the fight a draw by 113-113 and 114-114 respectively, giving Pascal a record of 26-1-1 while Hopkins went to 51-5 with two drawn.

"If this guy has a backbone and wants to walk around with any kind of dignity and self-worth, the only thing he can do is fight me again," Hopkins said after the fight.

"If that was me I know that's the only way I could really live with myself."

Pascal, 28, was only six years old when Hopkins turned professional in 1988.

Hopkins and Pascal promoters have 30 days to reach a deal or a purse bid will be ordered.

#### Belgium gifted Hopman final place against US

PERTH, Australia (AFP) – A stomach injury to Serbia's Ana Ivanovic has gifted Belgium a place in the mixed-teams Hopman Cup final Saturday against the United States.

The Serbian pairing of Ivanovic and Novak Djokovic were top seeds and led Group A after winning two of their three round-robin ties, with Belgian duo Justine Henin and Ruben Bemelmans second despite beating the Serbs on Thursday.

However, Ivanovic hurt her stomach in a straight sets singles loss to Henin and the injury recurred at practice on Friday.

Hopman Cup tournament director Paul McNamee confirmed that Belgium would replace Serbia in the final and play the US pairing of Bethanie Mattek-Sands and John Isner.

#### Armstrong's team to ride Tour de Mumbai



MUMBAI (AFP) – India's first professional cycling race sanctioned by the sport's world governing body is to become a two-stage event this year and will include riders from seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong's team.

The second edition of the Tour de Mumbai will see international riders compete in Nashik, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) northeast of Mumbai, on February 11, and in Mumbai itself two days later.

The first leg will cover 158 kilometres while the second will be over 117 kilometres, the Union Cycliste Internationale, the Cycling Federation of India and organisers ID Sports said.

Riders will include those from Armstrong's Team RadioShack, which won the team prize in the 2010 Tour de France, and Italy's Liquigas, they added in a joint statement late Thursday.

RadioShack last month announced the signing of Australia's Robbie McEwen -- a triple winner of the Tour de France's green jersey for sprinters -- and Robbie Hunter, the first South African to win a stage on the Tour.

Wider mass participation "cyclothon" events for children and adults will again be held on Tour de Mumbai race days, with the aim of raising the profile of cycling in cricket-obsessed India, as well as improve health and fitness.

UCI director Philippe Chevallier said: "We are looking forward to see how these races develop as international events on the UCI calendar.

"We believe India has huge potential for a representation of professional cycling on a global level with initiatives like Tour de Mumbai I and II."

Argentina's Juan Jose Haedo, from Team Saxo Bank, won the inaugural Tour de Mumbai last year to pick up the 50,000 dollars in prize money.

#### NFL star meets Real Madrid squad

MADRID (AFP) - National Football League star Chad Ochocinco of the Cincinatti Bengals met with Cristiano Ronaldo and the rest of Real Madrid's squad Friday during a visit to the club's training

"I follow Real Madrid, so it is an incredible experience to be here and meet the players," said the receiver, who turns 33 on Sunday and is friends with Ronaldo.

"I greatly admire Cristiano. He is very fast, but not as fast as I am. I would love to race him."

Real coach Jose Mourinho showed Ochocinco the pitch of Real's training grounds at Valdebebas just outside the Spanish capital and joked that the NFL player should train with the team.

Ochocinco, wearing a black sweatshirt and grey jeans, then posed for a photo with the entire squad, who were decked out in their white and black Real uniforms.

Real host third-place Villarreal at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday in what will be their toughest home league match of the season so far.



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#### Spurs manager wants Beckham by weekend

LONDON (AFP) - Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp said on Friday he is hoping to complete a twomonth loan deal for David Beckham this weekend.

Spurs and Beckham's Los Angeles Galaxy club have been in negotiations all week over the fine details of a move which would bring the former England captain to White Hart Lane.

Although there were logistical problems in hiring Beckham for such a short period, Redknapp remained confident the deal would go through.

"I think he could be here on Sunday possibly if what I'm being told on the grapevine is right," Red-knapp said. "The clubs are talking and there is a good chance it will happen."

Beckham may even be in attendance at Spurs FA Cup third round tie with Charlton. "Hopefully he will come to the game, I'm sure. I'm not 100 percent sure but he could be here on Sunday," Redknapp said.

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#### Weary Nadal crashes out of Qatar Open

DOHA (AFP) - Rafael Nadal, who wants to win the Australian Open this month to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously, will be travelling there a day earlier than expected after a shock defeat in the Qatar Open semi-finals on Friday.

The world number one looked tired, withdrawn, and ill as he slumped to a 6-3, 6-2 defeat to Nikolay Davydenko, the Russian defending champion who will tackle Roger Federer in today's final.

The result was all the more remarkable since Davydenko's wrist injury has prevented him reaching a final in the 19 tournaments since he beat Nadal in an amazing climax here last

But Nadal did not look fit enough to take the court.

The Spaniard, who has been suffering from a fever all week, was pale, slow, and sweating profusely, and unable to impose the heavy physical game with which he batters and bombards most of his op-



Rafael Nadal

ponents into submission.

His expression became increasingly perplexed as Davydenko stepped in and launched comfortable winner after winner, but it was not until Nadal was 2-0 down in the second set that he appeared to reach a similar conclusion himself.

"I don't have anything. I don't have my game. I feel much more tired than usual," he said after calling the doctor to the courtside. The reply came: "For now we can do nothing."

Nor could Nadal, except lose with disappointment and

good grace.

He clearly had not expected to feel as bad he did after battling through three matches with relative success while taking anti-biotics.

"I had a fever a few days ago, so every day I think I'm going to feel a little bit better," he had earlier said.

Nadal now has nine days before the Australian Open starts, and the best that can be said is that the setback has given him a little longer to recover from the flight and to acclimatise to the Melbourne heat.

But it denies the Qatar Open the final it wanted between the two greatest players of the modern era.

It also makes it increasingly likely that Federer will win his fifth title since losing at Wimbledon and taking a new coach Paul Annacone.

Federer reached his seventh final in nine tournaments with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/2) win over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, in which he moved into a high gear for the first time this week.

#### **Tiger splits with Golf** Digest after 13 years



NEW YORK (AFP) - Tiger Woods and Golf Digest announced the end of the golf star's 13-year relationship with the magazine on Thursday, what had been the second-longest sponsorship deal for the 14-time major cham-

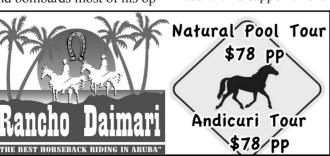
Two weeks after Gillette said it would not renew an endorsement deal with Woods, Golf Digest became the fifth sponsor to drop the former

world number one since details of his multiple affairs became public late in 2009.

Woods, whose writings offered tips for golfers, will have his final column in the magazine's February issue. Woods put his columns on hold last February during his fivemonth break from golf but resumed them last September.

Gatorade, AT&T and Accenture had already ended sponsor ties with Woods, whose oldest backer Nike stayed with him through a sex scandal that led to a divorce from Elin Nordegren last year and contributed to a winless 2010 season.

The damaged brand name of Woods received a boost on Tuesday when Augusta National Golf Club announced the home course of the Masters would be featured on a videogame for the first time on Woods' 2011 EA Sports release in March.



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